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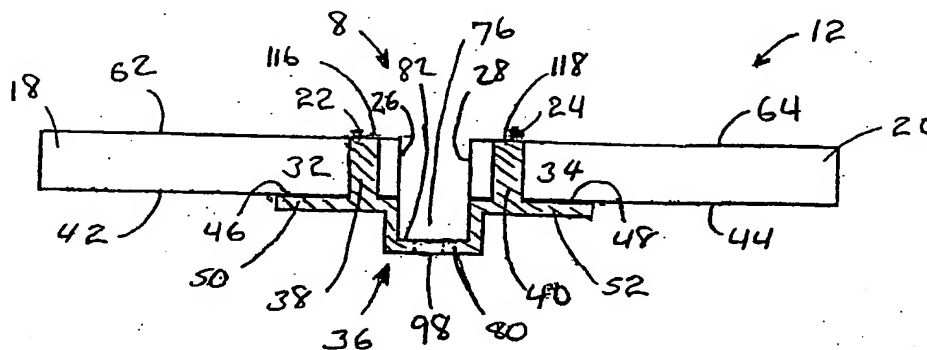
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(57) Abstract: A joint for a trim panel comprising a first and second outer cover having an inner surface, an outer surface and a connector portion formed therein, and a connector platform. The connector platform comprises a first connector portion and a second connector portion, the first connector portion connected to the first outer cover connector portion and the second connector portion is connected to the second outer cover connector portion.

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